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~ Summary Up Until Now ~

- Yuri is a very normal junior high student. In the middle of a date, she was suddenly pulled into a puddle of water.
- When she woke up, she was in an ancient Hittite empire. By Nakia's magic, she crossed over space time and was brought as a sacrifice.
- Yuri, who's life Nakia was after, was saved from danger by Prince Kail and given shelter in the palace as a concubine.
- Nakia, who wanted her own son Juda to be Emperor, was insistently after Yuri and Kail's lives.
- Before long, Yuri and Kail fell in love. Kail was crowned as Emperor and Yuri, who demonstrated unimaginable strength in the battlefield, was appointed Gal Meshedi.

MAIN CHARACTERS

おもな 登場人物（とうじょうじんぶつ）

-KAIL-
EMPEROR OF THE HITTITE EMPIRE, ALSO HOLDS THE POSITION OF PRIEST

-YURI-
A NORMAL 3RD YEAR JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT WHO WAS BROUGHT TO ANCIENT TURKEY (HITTITE)

-QUEEN NAKIA-
A PRIESTESS, TRIED TO USE YURI AS A SACRIFICE TO HAVE HER SON CROWNED

- Yuri, who was pregnant Kail's child, had a miscarriage while departing for the front in Egypt because of Nakia's plot, but was protected by General Ramses. There, she obtained evidence of Nakia's betrayal against Egypt and escaped.
- Hittite was victorious in their final battle against Egypt because of Yuri's actions, and the Congress of Elder Statesmen met to decide Nakia's punishment. The result was that Nakia was overthrown and imprisoned for life.
- To fill the vacant position of Tawananna, it was decided that Yuri would become Kail's consort.
- However, Nakia escaped. Nakia has taken an interest in Yuri's clothes as a weapon to vanquish her. Where is Nakia now...?!

THE TANK CORPS ARE USELESS AT A TIME LIKE THIS

YEA, BUT THEY CAN'T FIND HER

REALLY WHERE DID SHE SLIP OFF TO ...

HALF THE INFANTRY IS SEARCHING THE TOWN FOR THE EMPRESS DOWAGER, RIGHT?

THE MESHEDI SEEM COMPLETE EXHAUSTED FROM MARCHING ALL DAY ...

THE ARCHERS TOO

cough

YEA PRINCESS HATOHORU NEPHERUTO OR SOMETHING

OH, THAT! IT SEEMS SERIOUS!

BY THE WAY

IS IT TRUE THAT GENERAL RAMSES'S SISTER HAS COME STALKING RUSAFA, THE VICE CHIEF OF THE INFANTRY?

WHAT? WE'RE BUSY RIGHT NOW ...

GOOD EVENING

THREE COMMANDING OFFICERS TOGETHER IS JUST PERFECT ...

P-PRINCESS HATOHORU NEPHERUTO!!

spit

ARE WOMEN PROHIBITED IN THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCES OF HIGH RANKING OFFICERS IN HITTITE?

swish

OH?

I HEARD THAT RUSAFA RETURNED TO THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE TO TAKE A NAP

WHEN I WENT TO YURI'S OFFICE

HM!

NOW THEN

WHERE IS RUSAFA'S HOUSE?

THANKS

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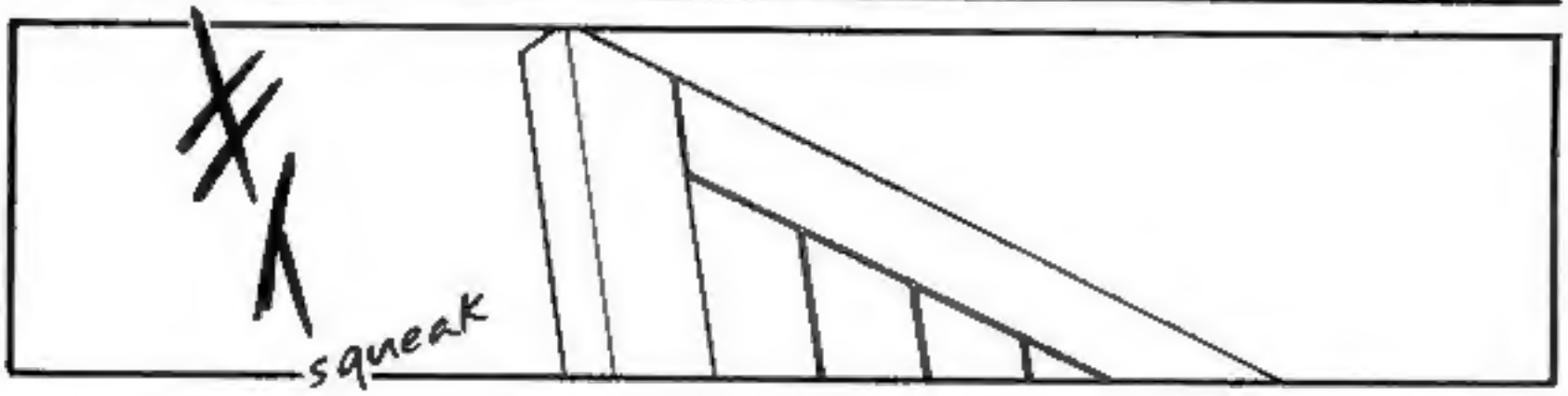

squeak

surprise
slam

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE AT A TIME LIKE THIS?!

P-PRINCESS NEPHERUTO !!

"WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!" IS AWFUL TO SAY ....

"WHAT DID YOU COME TO THIS COUNTRY FOR?" IS WHAT YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID

WHAT I SHOULD HAVE SAID IS THAT I DON'T LIKE THIS KIND OF JOKE

PRINCESS!

THIS ISN'T A JOKE!!

U

YOU THINK I CAME ALL THE WAY TO HATTUSA FROM EGYPT AS A JOKE?!

I'VE SAID IT BEFORE HAVEN'T I, OUR FAMILIES HAVE BEEN MILITARISTIC FOR GENERATIONS! I ALSO LIKE STRONG MEN!

I'VE COME ALL THE WAY HERE BECAUSE I LIKE YOU!!

P... PRINCESS, CALM DOWN...!

FIRST OF ALL, GENERAL RAMSES PROBABLY WOULDN'T ALLOW THIS

I AM CALM

AND HE SAID IT WAS ALRIGHT BECAUSE IT'S YOU

Squeeze

IF YOU BE QUIET AND JUST KEEP IT INSIDE YOUR HEART, THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH

I KNOW YOU CAN'T FORGET ABOUT YURI

I JUST WANT TO LOVE YOU, NOT AS A GODDESS, BUT A MORTAL WOMAN

I'M NOT SAYING TO FORGET

N...
NO

I CAN'T!

OH?
YOUR BODY
SURE
SEEMS LIKE
IT CAN
...

THAT'S
JUST
BECAUSE
I'M A
MORTAL
MAN!

...
HOWEVER
THIS IS
NO DIFFERENT
THAN A
DISTRACTION
FROM
THE HAREM

THIS WAY
ISN'T GOOD
WITH YOU

smirk

I WON'T SEND YOU OFF, BUT I CAN TAKE YOU BACK TO THE RECEPTION HALL

I...I

NO, I HAVE TO RETURN TO MY MISSION

AS I THOUGHT,

YOU LIKE IT RUSAFA!

I'LL WAIT ...

NOT TO DISTRACT YOU, BUT FOR YOU TO HOLD ME

THE STATIONS OF THE SOLIDERS WILL BE THE SIX FOUNTAINS IN HATTUSA!

THE MAIN TEMPLE AND THE MANSIONS OF THE ARISTOCRATS DRAW THEIR WATER FROM TWO OF THOSE SPRINGS

PLEASE DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE DEFENSE THERE TOO

ALSO KEEP IN MIND THAT THE EMPRESS DOWAGER CAN MANIPULATE PEOPLE USING "BLACK WATER" PLEASE BE CAREFUL!

HAVE YOU SEIZED ALL SIX OF THE WATERWAYS?

YES, AND WE WILL SOON CAPTURE THE FOUNTAIN WHICH THE EMPRESS DOWAGER IS AT

WE'VE SPREAD OUT THE SOLDIERS WELL

IS THAT REALLY SO?

YURI-SAMA!

THE EMPRESS DOWAGER IS ORIGINALLY A PRIESTESS WHO USES WATER, RIGHT?

THERE ARE PROBABLY WATERWAYS THAT ONLY SHE KNOWS ABOUT

THEN IT'S GOOD THAT WE'RE JUST POOR NOBLES, ISN'T IT

THE TRAITOROUS EMPRESS DOWAGER HAS PROBABLY RUN OFF TO A RICH ARISTOCRAT'S MANSION

YES REALLY ... WELL I'M OFF

YOUR PLACE IS JUST A SMALL TEMPLE, SO IT'S SAFE, RIGHT

ONCE AGAIN, BE CAREFUL TO CLOSE UP PROPERLY

SEARCH EVERY FOUNTAIN AGAIN!!

RUFUSA, INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SOLDIERS IN THE CITY

I HAVE RETURNED

YES, ILBANI-SAMA!

HOW IS THE CITY?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS ...

COME ALONG

IT'S THAT SO, THEN LET'S GO

IT SEEMS THE INVES-TIGATION OF THIS AREA IS OVER

THERE ARE SOLDIERS IN THE CITY, BUT

THERE PROBABLY ISN'T ANYONE WHO WOULD PAY ATTENTION TO THE LITTLE SHRINE HERE, WHICH DOESN'T EVEN HAVE A WATER WELL

IN HITTITE THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF GODS, AND MANY SHRINES THAT PAY THEM RESPECT

move

TAKE OVER THIS SHRINE

YOU BRING THAT AND COME ALONG

ONE OF YOU STAY HERE AS A LOOKOUT

ONCE WE'VE ENTERED, BEHAVE AS BEFORE

ACT LIKE NOTHING HAS HAPPENED

splish

splash
splish

splish
drip

MY SINCEREST APOLOGES

THE RES-PONSIBILITY IS MINE

NO, RUSAFA

YOU STILL HAVEN'T FOUND THE EMPRESS DOWAGER!!

BRO-THER

JUDAH

WITH ADMITTED FORWARDNESS I ASK

IS IT POSSIBLE TO POSTPONE THE WEDDING CEREMONY?

IF MOTHER MAKES THE ARRANGE-MENTS, AND YURI-SAMA IS NEAR WATER, THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO

IT'S NOT THAT YOU CAN'T TRUST THE MESHEDI, BUT

YOUR HIGH-NESS

UNTIL THAT TIME IS OVER, IS IT POSSIBLE TO POSTPONE THE WEDDING CEREMONY?

ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ASCENSION OF ISHTAR IS THAT THE SIX FOUNTAINS ARE FULL

THAT'S RIGHT ... WHEN I CAME HERE FROM JAPAN I WAS PULLED THROUGH A PUDDLE ...

IF I GO NEAR WATER ...

BATHING ...!!

PURIFYING BATH ...!!

CERTAINLY

BEFORE THE WEDDING CEREMONY THERE ARE MANY CUSTOMS

IT'S LIKELY THAT THE EMPRESS DOWAGER WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT TIME

AMONG THOSE, BATHING TO PURIFY THE BODY STARTING FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE ACTUAL CEREMONY IS A VERY IMPORTANT RITUAL

YES ...

KAIL ...?!

AIGIR

IT'S IT POSSIBLE TO POSTPONE THE WEDDING CEREMONY UNTIL AFTER THE ASCENSION OF ISHTAR?

I DON'T WANT TO KEEP RUNNING ANYMORE

IF WE RUN THIS YEAR, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NEXT YEAR?! AND THE YEAR AFTER THAT?!

IF WE DON'T SETTLE THIS WITH THE EMPRESS DOWAGER, THE SAME PROBLEMS WILL JUST KEEP COMING BACK

ANNOUNCEMENT !!

BUT, YURI ...

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTENDING THE WEDDING CEREMONY OF YOUR MAJESTY THE EMPEROR,

THE CROWN PRINCE OF THE MITANNI KINGDOM, HIS HIGHNESS MATTUARA, HAS ARRIVED

WHAT?!

H...HERE IS HIS HIGHNESS MATTUARA,

SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU WITH HIS EARLY ARRIVAL

MY FATHER ... KING MATTIWAZA OF MITTANI WANTED TO COME, BUT I'VE COME IN HIS PLACE

HELLO!

MY DEEPEST CONGRA-TULATIONS

THE KING OF UGARIT, KING NIQMEPA

CONTINUING, THE KING OF KIZZU-WATNA HIS MAJESTY NATSIL I HAS ARRIVED

CROWN PRINCE OF THE ARZAWA KINGDOM,

HIS HIGHNESS LEONIDAS HAS ARRIVED!

LEO!!

CONGRA-
TULATIONS

ON THE
MATTER
OF YOUR
MARRIAGE

IT'S BEEN
A LONG TIME,
SISTER

I'VE COME
AS MOTHER
REPRESENTIVE
TO THE
CELEBRATIONS
OF HIS MAJESTY
MURSILI II

Y...YES

ARE YOU
HIS HIGHNESS
JUDA
HASPASRUPT?

B-BRO-THER-IN-LAW ?!

NO, NOT YET ... THAT ...

blush

BROTHER-IN-LAW

IT'S PLEASURE TO MEET YOU

IT SEEMS LIKE THE GUESTS OF HONOR FROM MANY NATIONS HAVE STARTED TO ARRIVE

ILBANI

HOW MUCH MORE TIME UNTIL THE WEDDING CEREMONY?

ABOUT SEVEN DAYS

SEEMS LIKE IT WON'T BE POSSIBLE TO POSTPONE THE WEDDING

THE WEDDING CEREMONY
IS IN 7 DAYS
...

I DON'T WANT TO KEEP RUNNING ANYMORE

I WILL SETTLE THIS WITH THE EMPRESS DOWAGER NAKIA ONE LAST TIME

IN ORDER FOR ME TO LIVE IN THIS WORLD

...RI

...YURI

ONE LAST CONFRONTATION

realization

OH

YURI-SAMA!

I'VE JUST EXPLAINED THE BATHING RITUAL THAT WILL START FROM TODAY

DO YOU RECALL?

YES, I HEARD, ILBANI

UM

FROM TODAY'S FIFTH TEMPLE TO THE FIRST TEMPLE OF THE DAY OF THE WEDDING CEREMONY

I WILL RECEIVE BLESSINGS FROM FIVE TEMPLES IN FIVE DAYS, RIGHT?

YES, PRECISELY

RIGHT?

THE EMPRESS DOWAGER CAN MANIPULATE WATER

ISN'T IT DANGEROUS FOR YURI-SAMA TO BATHE?

PARDON MY INTERRUPTION

HAD!

THE PROBLEM IS ONLY THE BATH ON THE LAST DAY AT THE FIRST TEMPLE

HIS HIGHNESS THE EMPEROR, WHO MATCHES THE EMPRESS DOWAGER IN STRENGTH, CAN RESTRAIN HER USUAL POWERS

I WILL FIRST PURIFY MYSELF WITH HOLY WATER, THEN

MY FOREHEAD, PALMS, CHEST, AND ENTIRE BODY

WILL BE BLESSED FURTHERMORE BY A PRIEST

UNTIL THE FIFTH BATH

THE FIFTH DAY IS ALSO THE DAY THE STAR OF ISHTAR RISES THIS YEAR

THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENT TO EXTRACT YURI-SAMA FROM THIS WORLD, AND THIS IS A DIFFERENT TYPE OF MAGIC POWER THAT HIS MAJESTY CANNOT DEAL WITH

THEREFORE, NO MATTER WHAT, BEFORE THE DAY OF THE FIFTH BATH, WE HAVE TO FIND THE EMPRESS DOWAGER

KAIL

ANNOUN-CEMENT

HIS MAJESTY THE EMPEROR HAS ARRIVED

FOR OUR WEDDING

.....

....

YES

I CAN CONFRONT THE EMPRESS DOWAGER WHENEVER!!

YURI,

ARE YOU PREPARED?

OH!

OH, LET ME INTRODUCE YOU

IMPERIAL PRINCESS ... HER HIGHNESS ?

THE PRIESTESS WHO MANAGES THE THIRD TEMPLE DURING THE TIME OF RITUAL BATHING, IMPERIAL PRINCESS NEPIS ILRA

KAIL ...

I'M SOR-RY

YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN TROUBLES THAT YOU WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN IF YOU MARRIED A COMMON MAN

HER EYES ...?!

YOUR SISTER!

....

SHE IS MY OLDER SISTER

SINCE BIRTH, HER EYES HAVE NOT WORKED, BUT SHE ABLE TO SEE OTHER THINGS

SISTER

BUT HIS MAJESTY PRESSED THE PRIESTS TO HAVE YOU BATH TOGETHER

DID YOU KNOW? YURI-SAMA

ORIGINALLY, THE EMPEROR AND THE ONE WHO IS TO BECOME EMPRESS ACTUALLY BATHE SEPARATELY

AS THEY ARE UNAWARE OF THE DANGER OF THE EMPRESS DOWAGER

SO MOST PEOPLE WOULD PROBABLY UNDERSTAND

HIS MAJESTY'S LOVE FOR YOU IS KNOWN

HE DOESN'T WANT TO BE APART FROM YOU FOR EVEN A MOMENT

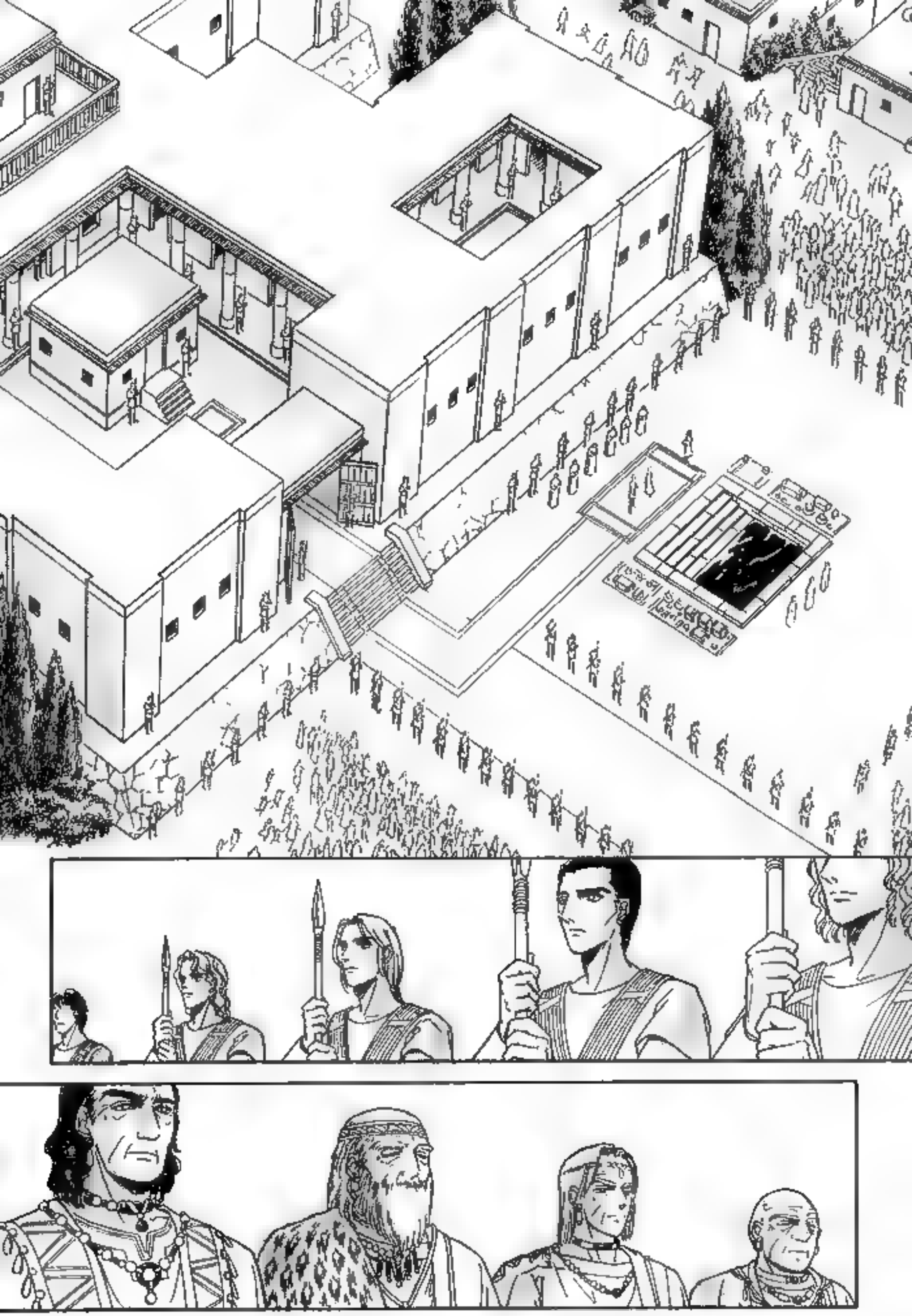
SISTER! IT'S ALMOST TIME

I'VE HEARD THAT KAIL AND HIS PRIESTESS SISTER BOTH HAVE POWERS THAT ARE AS STRONG AS THE EMPRESS DOWAGER'S

IN ORDER TO PROTECT ME, KAIL HAS EVEN VIOLATED OLD CUSTOMS SO THAT I CAN BE COMPLETELY SAFE

OF COURSE I SHOULDN'T BE THE CAUSE OF NOTICE ON THIS GREAT DAY, BUT

TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITIES, I WILL ALSO BE BY YOUR SIDE



I'M ANXIOUS ABOUT THE EMPRESS DOWAGER, I DON'T KNOW MY TRUE FEELINGS

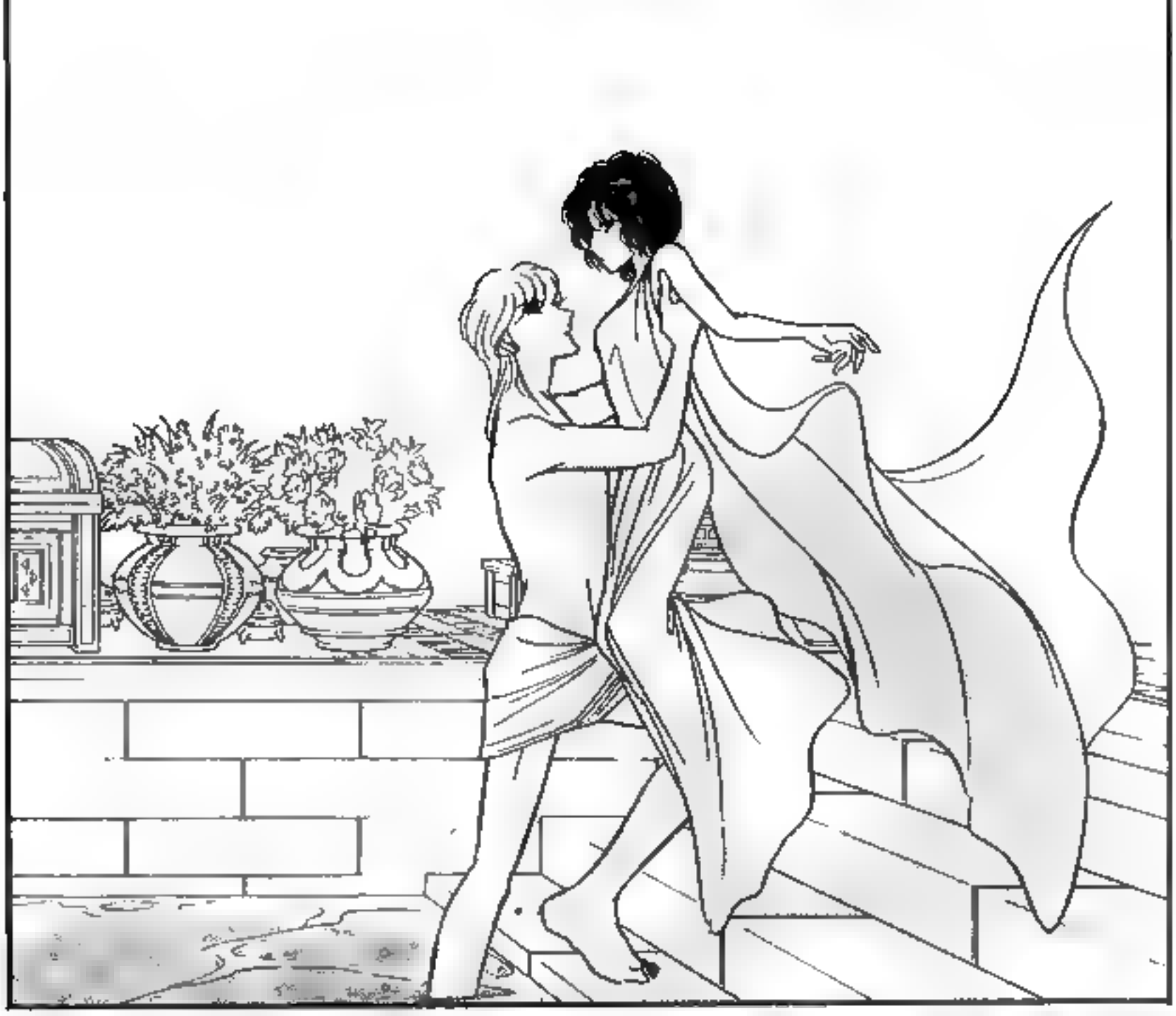
OF COURSE I'M HAPPY TO BE MARRYING KAIL, BUT ...

SUBMERGE YOURSELVES IN THE HOLY WATER

MURSILI II AND YURI ISHTAR

IT'S ALRIGHT

COME HERE, YURI



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KU

KU

THAT KAIL USING WIND TO CONTROL THE SURFACE OF THE WATER

KU

KU

HMPH

IS THAT TO BLOCK ME?

DON'T TAKE ME LIGHTLY

BLESSING FOR MURSILI II

FROM THE CHIEF GOD OF THE FIFTH TEMPLE, THE GOD OF WIND, ENRIL

BLESSING FOR YURI ISHTAR

AND THE SAME FROM THE CHIEF GOD OF THE FIFTH TEMPLE, THE GOD OF WIND, ENRIL

splash

splash

splash

!?

tremble

!!

splish

THE HOLY WATER ...?!

YOUR MAJESTY

YURI-SAMA!!

IT'S ALRIGHT

THIS IS ALL THAT THE QUEEN MOTHER CAN DO RIGHT NOW

SO UNTIL THE STAR OF ISHTAR RISES, THE EMPRESS DOWAGER CAN'T MAKE A MOVE

THE EMPRESS DOWAGER ...?!

UNTIL THE STAR OF ISHTAR RISES ...

THIS IS A MESSAGE FROM THE EMPRESS DOWAGER

IT'S A MESSAGE

SHE WON'T ALLOW THE WEDDING CEREMONY SHE'S DEFINITELY TRYING TO EXPEL ME FROM THIS WORLD

shiver

SIGN OF BAD LUCK ...?

IT'S A SIGN OF BAD LUCK

OHH

THE BOWL OF HOLY WATER BROKE

IT'S NOT SERIOUS

CONTINUE THE RITUAL, PRIESTESS

...

!?

I'VE ALREADY RECEIVED MY BLESSING

THE HOLY WATER ...

BUT YOUR MAJESTY

SO, YURI

FROM ME TO YOU ...

HUH?

KAIL
...

RUSAFA

!!

I'M HAPPY, I'LL WAIT ♡

THE JOKING HAS STOPPED, SO NOW I'M NOT THINKING ABOUT THAT

PRINCESS NEPHERUTO

I'M HAPPY TO SEE YOU, BUT RIGHT NOW I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT PERSONAL MATTERS

NO MATTER WHAT I WILL TRY TO STOP HER

I WILL NOT LET THE EMPRESS DOWAGER EXTRACT YURI FROM THIS WORLD

STILL HAVEN'T FOUND THE EMPRESS DOWAGER?!

USE ALL THREE ARMIES AND RESEARCH ALL OF HATTUSA!

SECOND BATH

FOURTH TEMPLE

RUSAFA! I WILL HELP

JUDA, YOUR HIGHNESS, THAT'S ...

NO MATTER WHAT, WE MUST FIND HER BEFORE THE STAR OF ISHTAR RISES

PLEASE! AS HER ONLY SON, I HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO STOP MY MOTHER

FOURTH DAY SECOND TEMPLE

OH MY,

LOOK AT THAT

SEARCH NOT ONLY THE MANSIONS OF THE ARISTOCRATS, BUT ALSO THE HOUSES OF THE COMMONERS

TURN OVER ALL THE STRAW IN THE SHEDS!

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THIRD DAY THIRD TEMPLE

THE STAR
OF ISHTAR
HAS RISEN

FIFTH
BATH
FIRST
TEMPLE

DAY BEFORE
THE WEDDING
CEREMONY
OF MURSILI II

OH, SHUBAS

DO YOU HAVE ANY CLUES?

COMMANDER KASH, COMMANDER METTAN-NAMUWA!!

HUH?

WE'RE ANXIOUS ABOUT ...

WE'VE HEARD THAT THE PRIESTS THERE HAVE BEEN ACTING DIFFERENTLY FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS

A SMALL TEMPLE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE LOWER PARTS OF THE CITY

THE PRIESTESS OF THE TEMPLE OF HEBAT IS THE EMPRESS DOWAGER, ISN'T IT?!

THAT TEMPLE IS THE LAST TEMPLE OF THE GODDESS HEBAT

OPEN THE DOOR!!

OPEN UP!!

BY THE ORDER OF THE SENATE

I DO NOT KNOW OF THAT

COME HERE?

HAS A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY

WHAT IS IT?

LET US SEARCH!!

OUT OF THE WAY!!

NO ONE BESIDES JUNIOR PRIESTS ARE INSIDE!!

THERE MIGHT BE HIDDEN PASSAGES IN THE WALL!! LOOK CAREFULLY!!

THE STAR OF ISHTAR HAS RISEN, THE SPRING IS FULL

GOOD, YURI IS BEGINNING HER LAST BATH

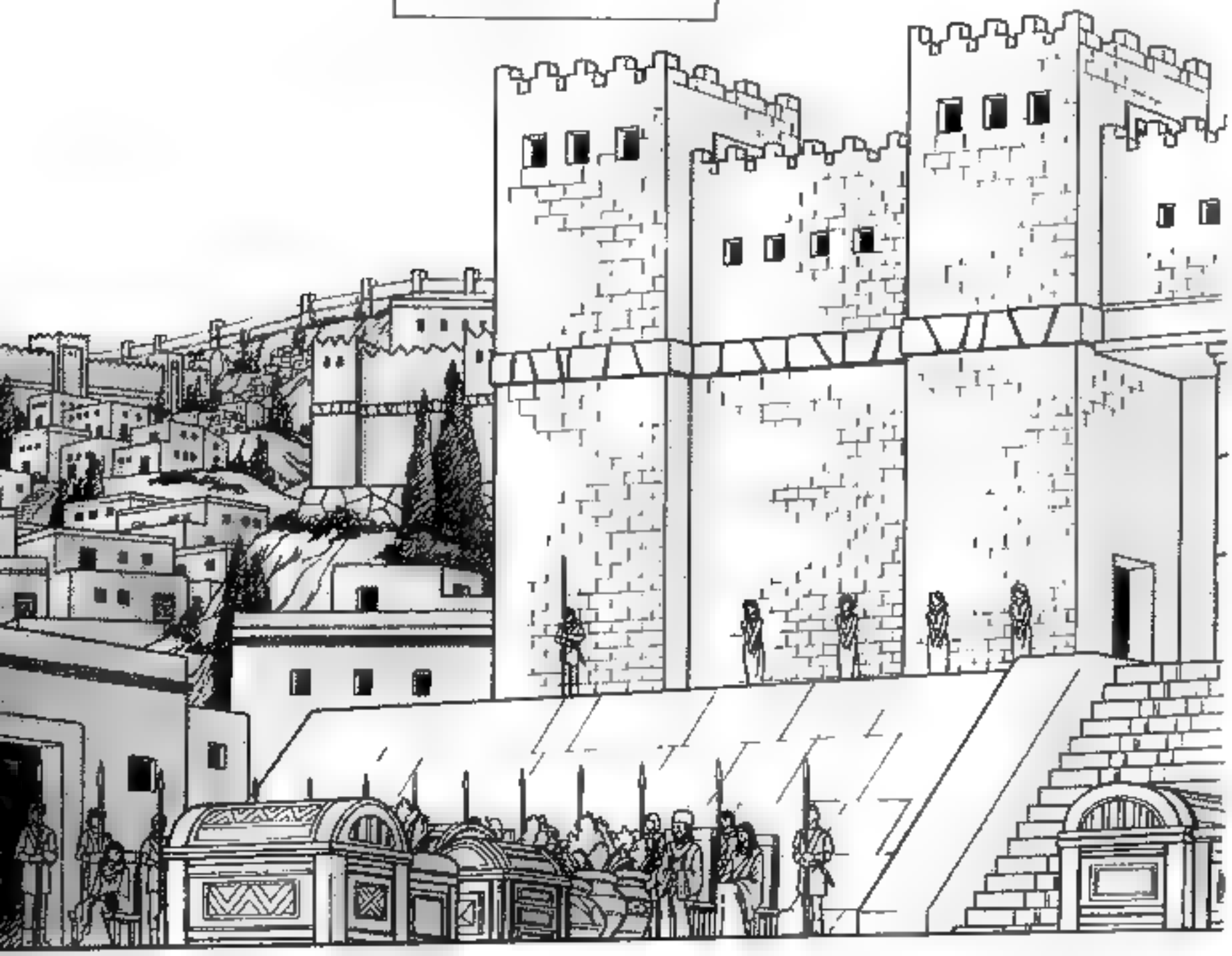
drip

ピチ

FIRST
TEMPLE
OF HATTUSA
ALSO CALLED
THE MAIN
TEMPLE

THE PRIEST OF THAT TEMPLE IS THE HIGHEST RANKING PRIEST IN THE EMPIRE AND HAS SERVED SUCCESSIVE EMPERORS

THE TEMPLE IS THE PLACE OF IMPORTANT NATIONAL AFFAIRS OF COURSE THE WEDDING OF THE EMPEROR IS A LARGE NATIONAL AFFAIR ...



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IMPORTANT PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE FIRST TMEPLE TIGHTEN DEFENSES!!

YES!

ALL MESHEDI GATHER AT THE MAIN TEMPLE !!

LEAVE THE CITY STREETS TO THE THREE ARMIES!!

RU-SAFA

FROM THE SEAT OF THE ROYAL VISITORS, I'LL BE WATCHING YOU

PRINCESS NEPHERUTO

PLEASE BE CAREFUL YOURSELF

SERVE OUR DESCENDANTS FOR MANY YEARS

LEAVE BEHIND DESCENDANTS

THANK YOU!

WILL THAT DAY REALLY COME FOR ME TOO...?

RUSAFA!

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA

OH, JUDA, YOUR HIGHNESS

THE SEATS OF THE ROYALTY ARE OVER THERE, AREN'T THEY

YOUR HIGHNESS?!

PRINCESS

I'M VERY HAPPY TO BE ENGAGED TO YOU, BUT NO MATTER WHAT I HAVE TO STOP MY MOTHER

YOUR HIGHNESS, IF YOU CAN'T MARRY ...

IF...IF I AM UNABLE TO MARRY YOU, I AM VERY SORRY

TO STOP MY MOTHER I'LL DO WHATEVER I HAVE TO — I'LL DO ANYTHING —

I HAVE TO STOP HER!!

YOUR HIGHNESS ...?!

STATION SOLDIERS BY THE SPECTATORS!

ARREST ANYONE THAT IS SUSPICIOUS!

YES!!

WHAT THE EMPRESS DOWAGER PLANS TO DO WE KNOW FOR SURE, BUT WHAT IS SHE CAPABLE OF DOING NOW?!

Wwaaaaa

THE EMPRESS DOWAGER STILL HAS IT ...!!

MANIPU-LATING PEOPLE WITH "BLACK WATER"!!

realization

ANNOUNCING
TO THE
ROYAL GUESTS

THE APPEARANCE
OF THE EMPEROR
AND YURI ISHTAR

SUBMERGE YOURSELVES IN THE HOLY WATER AND PURIFY YOUR BODIES AND SPIRITS

MURSILI II AND YURI ISHTAR

WATER ...

WE WEREN'T ABLE TO FIND THE EMPRESS DOWAGER

OK

BUT I'LL PROTECT YOU, SO COME HERE

YOU'RE SCARED

YURI

BLESSING FOR MURSILI II ...

FROM TESHUP, THE CHIEF GOD OF THE FIRST TEMPLE

I TRUST KAIL

BUT

I WAS BROUGHT TO THIS WORLD BY THE EMPRESS DOWAGER

SO MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE, I KNOW OF HER POWER

AND THE SAME YURI ISHTAR ...

!!

grab

AAAAAH
!!

THERE IT IS!!

!!

COMMAN-DER!

THERE IT IS!! THE HIDDEN PASSAGE!!

IT'S HERE! ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ALTER ...!!

OUT OF THE WAY!!

WE'RE GOING IN

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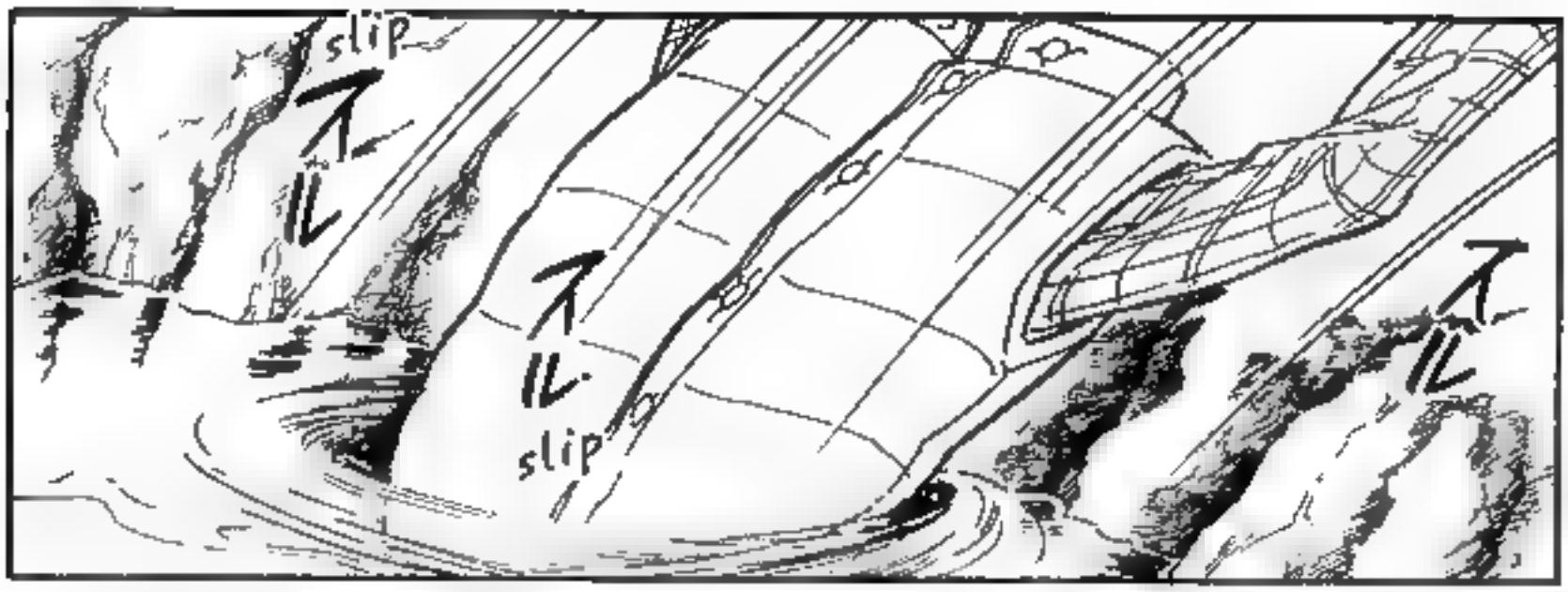
!?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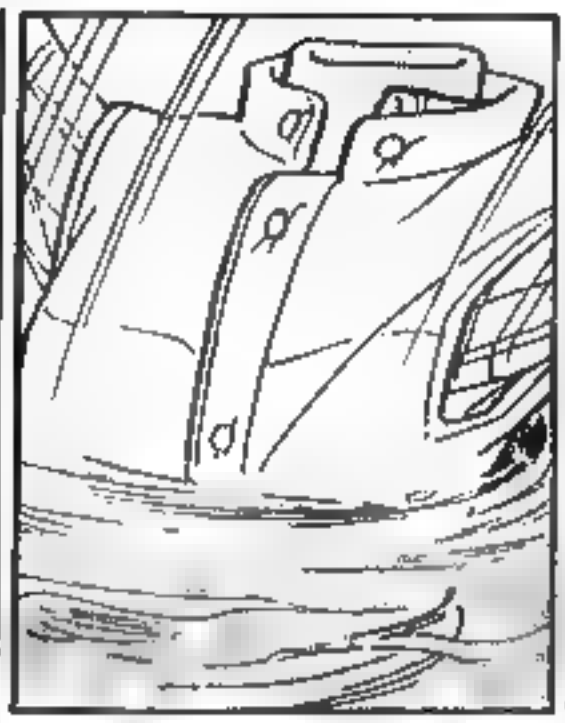
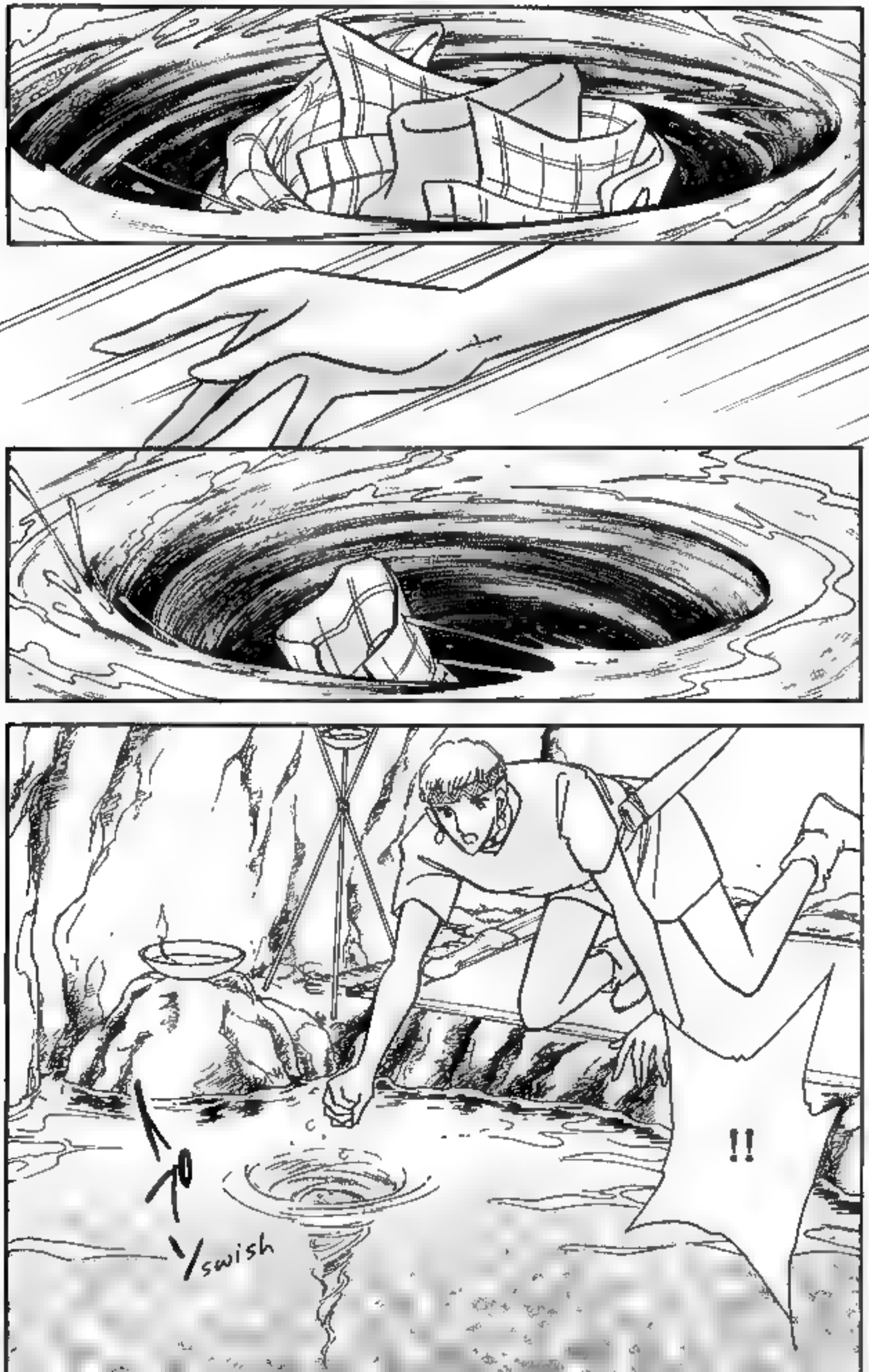


IT'S BEING PULLED INTO THE SPRING?!

Pulled

YURI!!

KAIL!!


!!
swish

WHERE IS THE EMPRESS DOWAGER?!

IT'S DISAP-PEARED!

!!

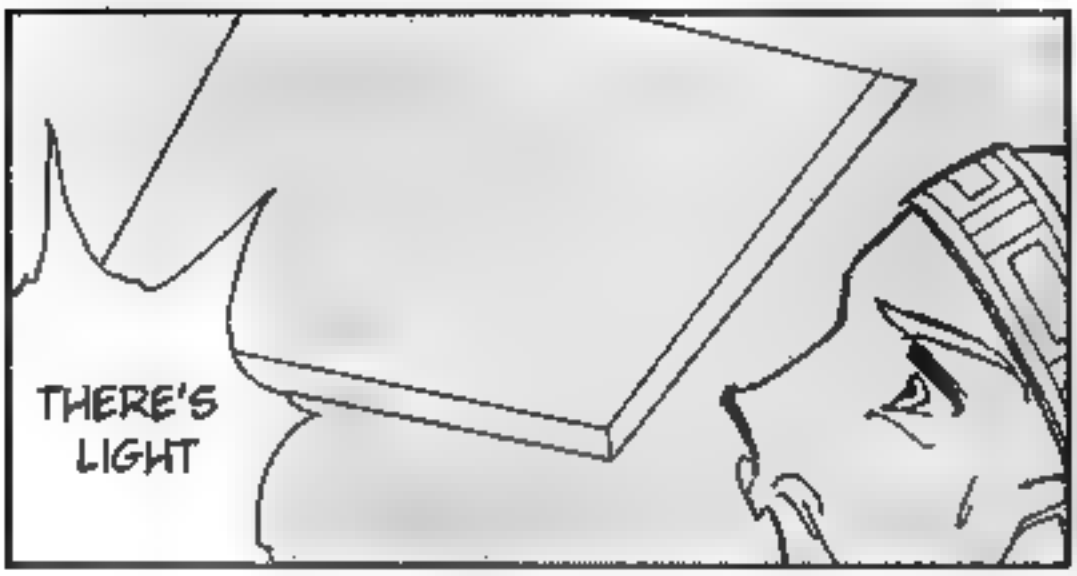
splash

splash

splash

splash

THERE'S A HIDDEN PASSAGE ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE TOO


THERE'S LIGHT

move

WHERE IS THIS?

THIS IS THE BASEMENT OF THE MAIN TEMPLE!!

!!

OH NO! THE EMPRESS DOWAGER CAN STILL MANIPULATE PEOPLE

THE EMPRESS DOWAGER HAS GOTTEN INTO THE MAIN TEMPLE!!

IDIOT!!

KASH, HAVE THE MESHEDI SURROUND THE BATH

RUSAFA WILL KEEP AWAY THE OTHERS

TODAY THE ROYAL GUESTS ARE IN FRONT OF THE MESHEDI !!

RUSAFA CAN'T DRAW HIS WEAPON AT THE GUESTS OF HONOR OR DISPATCH THE SOLDIERS !!

KAIL!!

YURI!!

IF THE GUESTS OF HONOR ARE MANIPULATED BY THE EMPRESS DOWAGER

THE MESHEDI WON'T BE ENOUGH!!

I'M BEING PULLED ...

AH ...

YURI!!

YOUR MAJESTY!!

YURI-SAMA

I'M BEING PULLED!! JUST LIKE THE TIME I CAME HERE ...!!

SFX: SHOCK

WARN THE GUESTS!!

RUSAFA!

THE GUESTS OF HONOR ...

WARN ...?!

realization

It.

MANIPULATION IS NOT LIMITED TO SOLDIERS AND SPECTATORS?!

DON'T TAKE YOUR EYES OFF THEM!!

YOU GUYS GUARD THE GUESTS

YOUR MAJESTY! YURI-SAMA!!

DON'T LET ANYONE *MOVE* FROM THIS PLACE!!

...!!

BROTHER!!

WAIT...!!

PRINCESS IT'S DANGEROUS HERE, THIS WAY

HAP

..... shriek

WR...

WRONG

THERE'S NO ONE HERE MANIPULATED TO HAVE THE INTENTION TO KILL!!

WRONG...!!

THE EMPRESS DOWAGER IS NOT MANIPULATING PEOPLE

SWAY

ユラ!!

MOTHER!!

THE EMPRESS DOWAGER!!

THE EMPRESS DOWAGER!!

KAIL
MURSILI

WITH
A MOTHER
WHO WAS
THE POPULAR
TAWANANNA,
RECOGNIZED
AS HEIR
FROM THE
BEGINNING
...

YOU, WHO IS
WITHOUT ANY
HAPPINESS,
WHO WAS BORN
AND RAISED
IN THE PALACE
...

TO YOU
I WILL NOT
HAND IT
OVER!!

I WILL NOT
HAND IT
OVER
TO YOU
!!!

KAIL!!

NO MATTER
WHAT
I WILL NOT
HAND OVER
THE IMPERIAL
LINE
TO YOU!!

run

STOP!
MOTHER!!

spurt

realization

KAIL?!

BLOOD?!

ARE THE EMPEROR AND YURI-SAMA ALRIGHT?!

OUT OF THE WAY!! GET OUT OF THE WAY!!

WHERE IS THE EMPRESS DOWAGER ...

BLOOD IS ...?!

grab

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!!

EMPRESS DOWAGER, YOUR MAJESTY!!

YURI!!

grab

splash

YURI

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!

ARE YOU!!

ARE YOU INJURED?! THIS BLOOD ...?!

It's realization!

THIS

ISN'T MY BLOOD

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA

PRINCESS HATOHORU NEPHERUTO

JUDA, YOUR HIGHNESS

RUSAFA!!

HA ...

HA
...

NO
...
I'M NOT
INJURED
...

JUDA?!

JUDA,
YOUR
HIGHNESS

YOUR
HIGHNESS!!
YOUR
INJURED?!

THEN,
THIS BLOOD
IS?!

.....

NEPHE-RUTO?!

grab

!!

roll over

RUSAFA!!

CALL A DOCTOR, HURRY!!
RUSAFA!!
THE WOUND ... THE BLEEDING WON'T STOP!!

.....

...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

RUSAFA?!
...RI

IS YURI-SAMA HERE ...?

YU... YURI-SAMA ...

THE DOCTOR WILL BE HERE SOON, SO HANG IN THERE!!

I'M RIGHT HERE, RUSAFA!!

I'M HERE!

GOOD ...

THOSE WORDS ... SERVE FOR A LONG TIME ...

I CAN'T FOLLOW THEM ... PLEASE FORGIVE ME ...

YOUR MAJESTY

THE DOCTOR STILL NOT HERE YET?! HURRY UP!!

IDIOTS! YOU'RE NOT PERMITTED HERE!

YOU'RE IN THE WAY HERE!!

PLEASE TELL PRINCESS NEPHERUTO ...

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, TELL HER YOURSELF!! RUSAFA!!

PRINCESS ...

PLEASE ... LIVE A HAPPY LIFE ...

HIS EYES AREN'T SEEING ANYMORE ...?

RUSAFA ...?!

HIS EYES ...

RUSAFA

RUSAFA!

grab

YURI-SAMA ...

confusion

RUSAFA ...

TOO
...
BAD
...

.....

slip

YURI-
SAMA
...

I COULDN'T

SEE YOU
BECOME
TAWANANNA

RU
...
SAFA
...?

FLIP

RUSAFA!!

NO
...!!

RUSAFA!!!

SURELY
...
SURELY
SOMEDAY
...

I WILL
GIVE UP
THIS LIFE
FOR
THAT PERSON
...

VICE CHIEF!!

RUSAFA!

VICE CHIEF!!

VICE CHIEF!

KAIL
...

BRING THE QUEEN MOTHER TO THE PALACE

THEN TAKE RUSAFA INTO THE TEMPLE
...

JUDA, YOUR HIGHNESS?!

YOUR HIGHNESS!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

LET GO!!

CAN'T LEAVE MOTHER AS IS!!

panting

AS LONG AS YOU ARE ALIVE, YOU ARE AN ENEMY TO THIS EMPIRE!!

JUDA ...

YOU ... YOU'RE TRYING TO KILL ME ...?!

AS THE ONLY ONE WHO CARRIES YOUR BLOOD, I DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY OR THE INTEREST!!

WHY DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?!

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOUR BLOODLINE TO RULE THIS EMPIRE!!

BROTHER ...

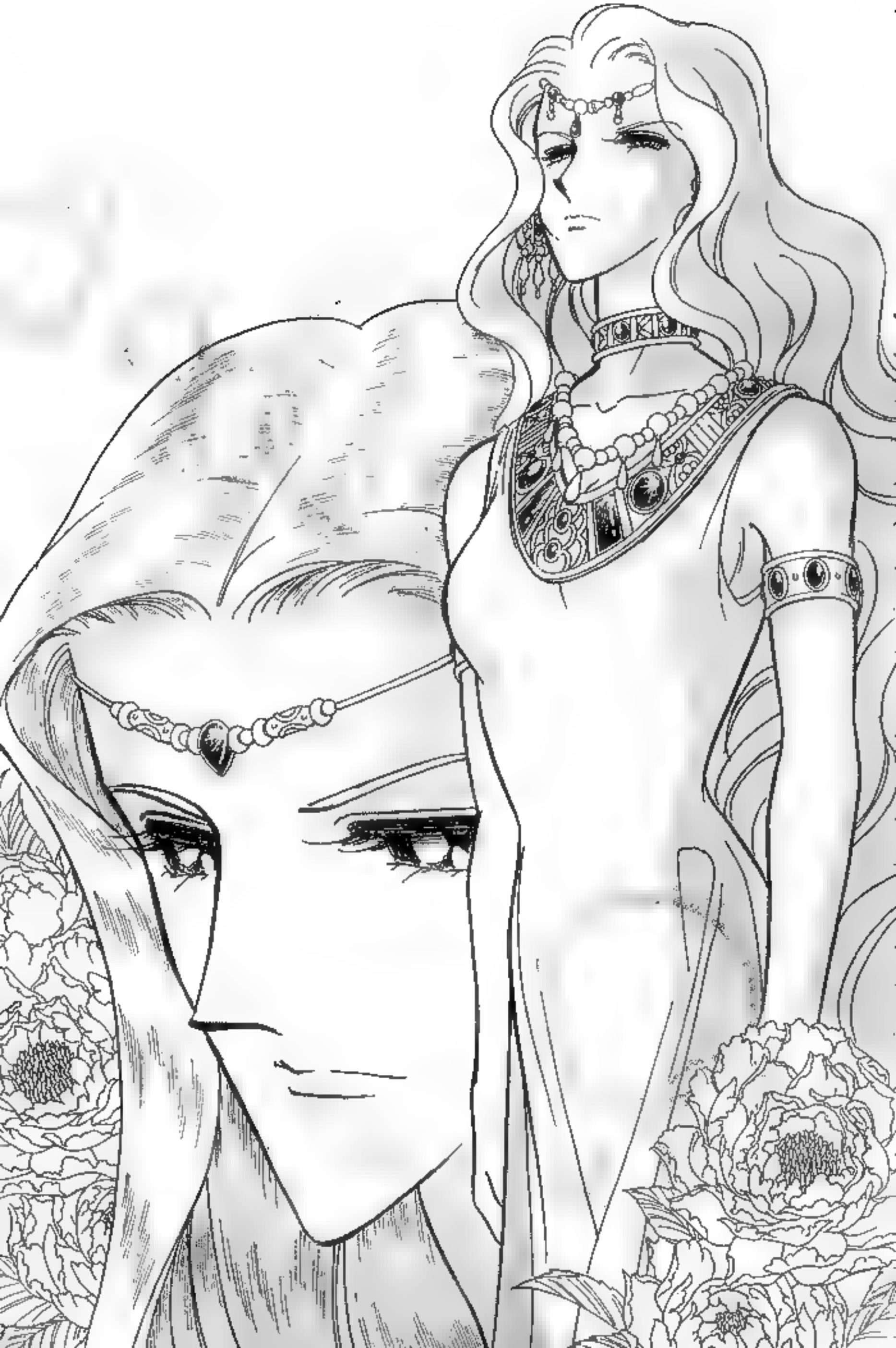
HIS MAJESTY THE EMPEROR HAS RECOGNIZED ME AS FIRST IN LINE FOR THE THRONE, BUT

I'M ABDICATING FOR ETERNITY!!

ABDICATING FOR ETERNITY

YOU'RE GOING AGAINST ME ...?

THAT LITTLE YOU ....



IT'S EXACTLY AS YOU SAY JUDA

I'VE COME TO LIVE FOR THE HOPE THAT MY BLOODLINE WILL CONTINUE AS EMPEROR

AS LONG AS I'M ALIVE, YOU CAN'T STOP ME

EMPRESS DOWAGER!

IF YOU WANT TO STOP ME, YOU'LL HAVE TO KILL ME YOURSELF

JUDA

MOTHER!!

JUDA, YOUR HIGHNESS!!

UNTIL NOW I'VE WISH FOR NAKIA'S DEATH SO MANY TIMES

IF SHE'D DIED MANY TIMES OVER I WOULDN'T FEEL ANY SYMPATHY

IF SHE IS KILLED BY HER SON THE PRINCE AS WISHED

THEN EVERYTHING IS OVER!

I THOUGHT SO!

BUT
EVEN SO!!

YURI-
SAMA!!

I WILL TAKE ALL THE BLAME! BY THIS HAND, MOTHER ...

BROTHER!

LET GO OF ME

YOU DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO PUNISH THE QUEEN MOTHER!!

YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED JUDA

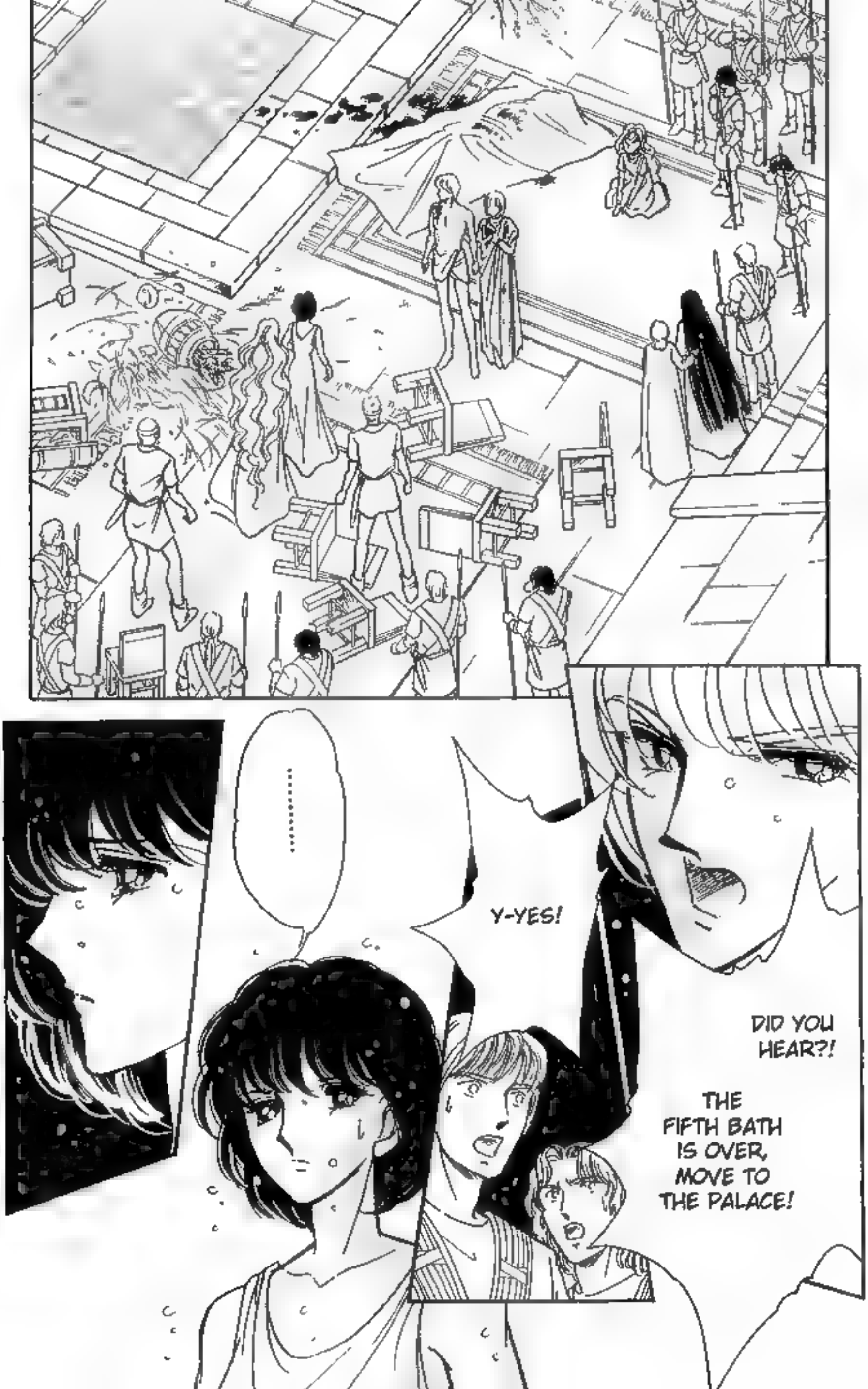
BROTHER ...!!

THE ONES WHO DECIDE THE IMPORTANT MATTERS OF THE EMPIRE IS THE SENATE ...

CALL FOR A MEETING OF THE SENATE!!

TAKE THE QUEEN MOTHER TO THE PLACE!!

AND THE TABARUNA AND TAWANANNA THREE GIVE CONSENT!!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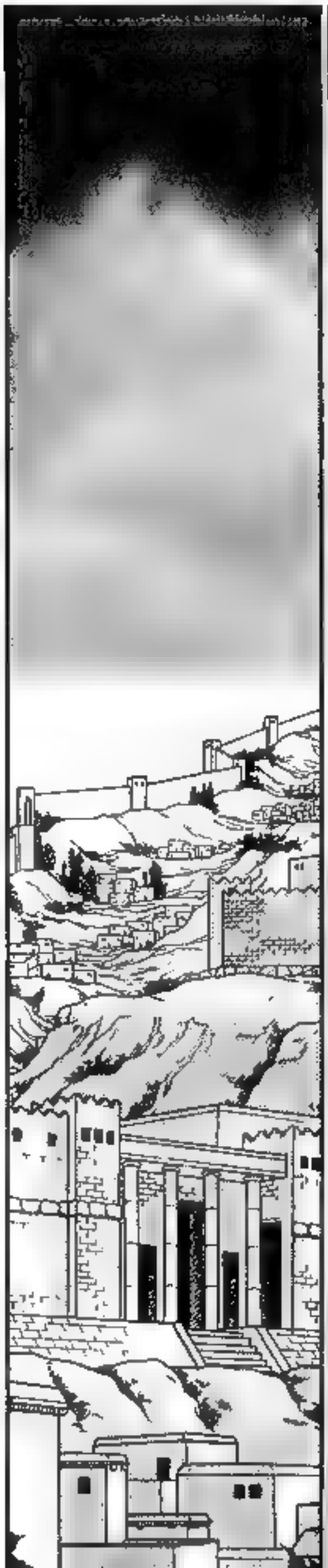
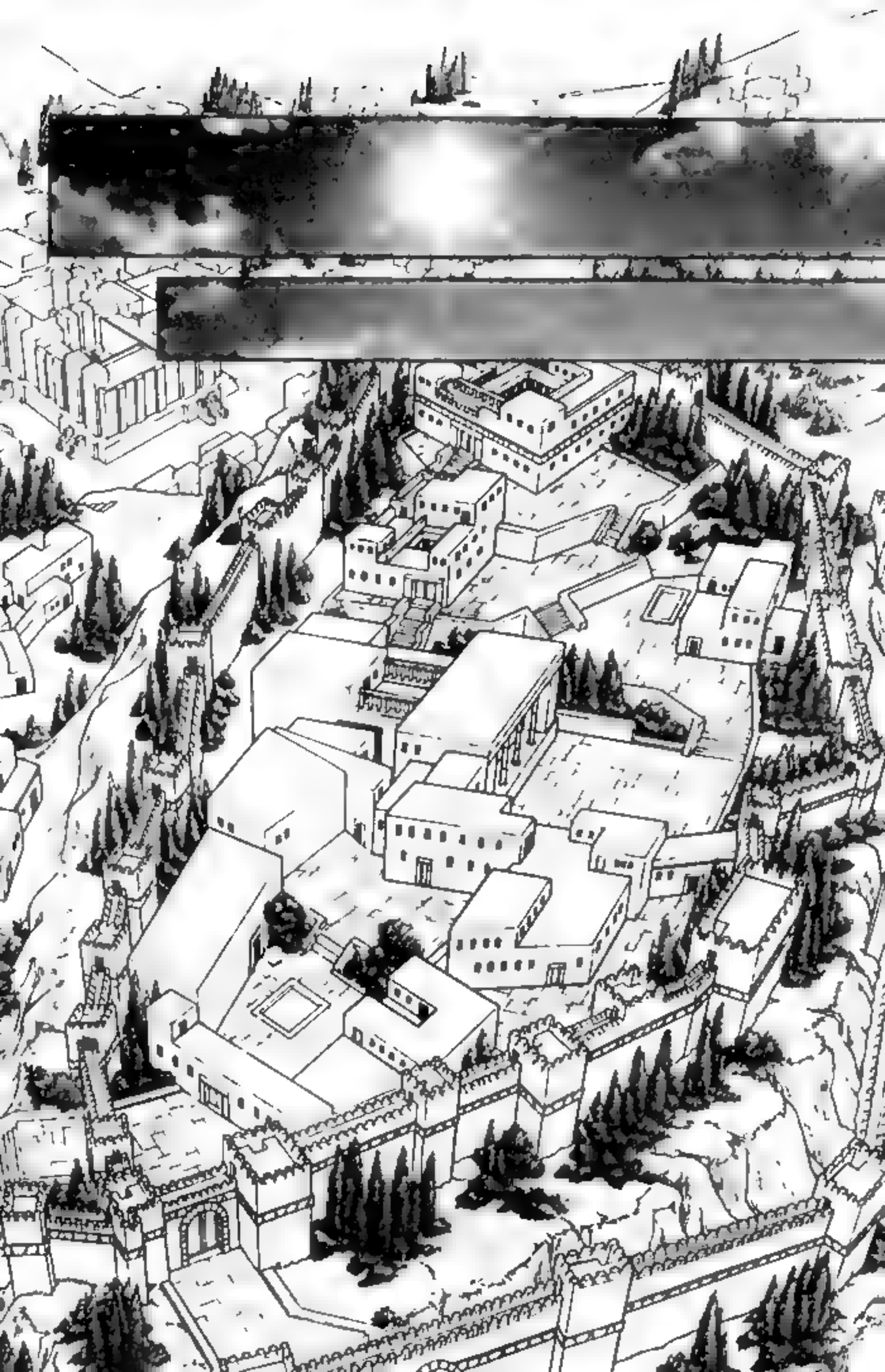
Y-YES!
DID YOU HEAR?!
THE FIFTH BATH IS OVER, MOVE TO THE PALACE!





WE ANNOUNCE THE FINAL DECISION OF THE ENTIRE SENATE
FOR THE PUNISHMENT OF THE PREVIOUS TAWANANNA, EMPRESS DOWAGER NAKIA

FOR CONSIDERATION BY HIS MAJESTY, WE PROPOSE CONSUMPTION OF POISON AS THE METHOD OF ENFORCEMENT

THE SENATE WISHES CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR THE EMPRESS DOWAGER

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ...! THE DEATH PENALTY!!

THE POSITION OF TAWANANNA IS VACANT RIGHT NOW, SO THE TABARUNA AND SENATE MUST DECIDE THE PUNISHMENT ...

KAIL'S OPINION IS ...?!

I

WELL, IT'S SUITABLE, ISN'T IT

I WISH FOR THE QUEEN MOTHER TO BE EXILED

YOUR MAJESTY! THAT'S ...!!

CERTAINLY, THE QUEEN MOTHER'S CRIMES ARE WORTH MANY DEATH PENALTIES,

BUT ON AN EMOTIONAL LEVEL, THE QUEEN MOTHER IS ALREADY RECEIVING PUNISHMENT, SO I BELIEVE WE SHOULD ABSTAIN FROM THAT ... BESIDES

THE QUEEN MOTHER'S EXISTANCE WILL BE A REMINDER OF CALITION

I DON'T THINK MY OWN REIGN WILL PASS WITH EASE

IT WILL NOT BE EASILY CHANGED
YOURS WORDS ARE GREAT, BUT WE HAVE COME TO A CONCLUSION

IT'S ONE TO ONE, THEY CAN'T DECIDE
WH... WHAT TO DO?

M...ME?!
I HAVE NO AUTHORITY ...

THE THIRD OPINION AS TAWANANNA ...

YOU ARE ALREADY THE SAME AS TAWANANNA

PLEASE

A THIRD OPINION IS NEEDED

YURI, YOUR ADVICE IS PERMITTED

OPINION AS TAWANANNA!!

I
...I
...

I ALSO
WANT THE EMPRESS DOWAGER TO LIVE AND ATONE FOR HER SINS

I WANT TO BE A BETTER

NO, I WANT TO BE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT TAWANANNA THAN YOU!!

ISHTAR-SAMA?!

IT WAS EXPECTED THAT YOU ESPECIALLY WOULD WANT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR THE EMPRESS DOWAGER ...

CERTAINLY, I HAVE MANY REASONS TO WISH FOR THE DEATH OF THE EMPRESS DOWAGER

SO THAT'S PRECISELY WHY I WANT THE EMPRESS DOWAGER TO SEE FOR HERSELF

I WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE BY THAT

AND THAT WILL BE PUNISHMENT FOR THE EMPRESS DOWAGER!!

カタン

I WILL PRESENT THE QUEEN MOTHER HER PUNISHMENT

HEREAFTER, ALL POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND LEAVING THE PLACE OF EXILE ARE PROHIBITED

THE QUEEN MOTHER IS EXILED TO KARUKEMISHU, THE SOUTH EAST EDGE OF THE EMPIRE

Y... YES!!

....

JUDA HAS-PASPURI!

FUR-THER-MORE

ABOUT THE EMPTY POSITION OF KARU-KEMISHU'S GOVERNOR SINCE THE DEATH OF MARI PIASHUSHURI

...

YOU'RE RELIEVED OF YOUR CURRENT DUTY AS GOVERNOR OF KANESHU

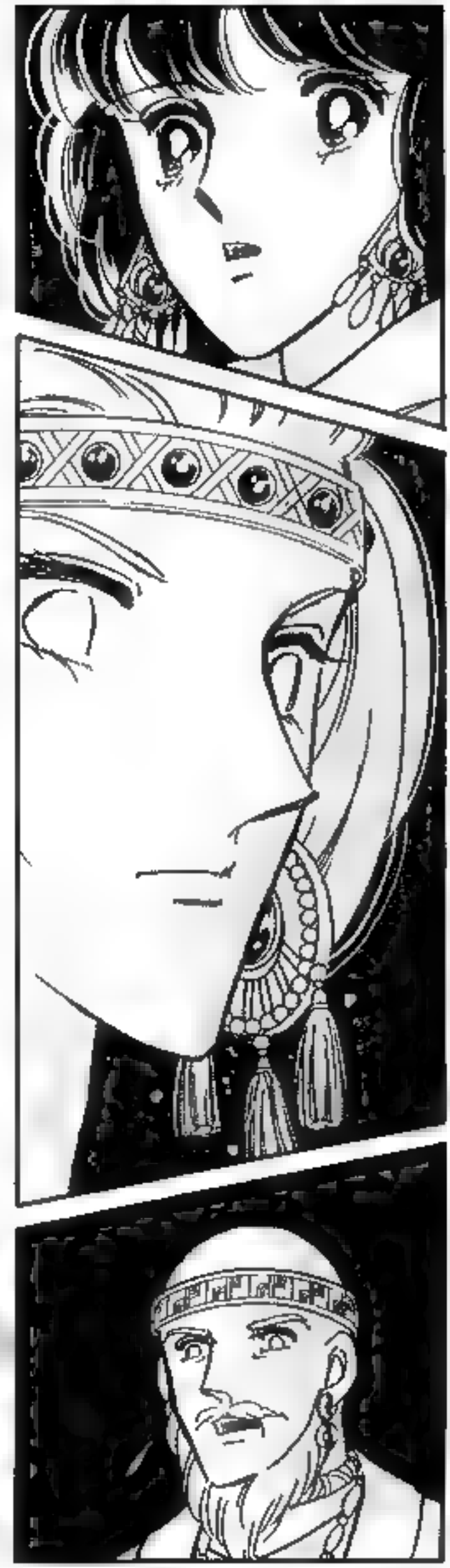
AND TRANS-FERRED TO KARU-KEMISHU

JUDA, KARUKEMISHU IS AN IMPOR-TANT POINT ON THE BORDER OF THE NATION

GOVERN IT WITH YOUR HEART! KEEPING AN EYE ON THE QUEEN MOTHER IS ALSO PART OF YOUR DUTY!

YES, YOUR MAJESTY

I WILL CERTAINLY COMPLY



WITH THIS, THE MEETING IS CLOSED!!

EM-
PRESS
DOWA-
GER,

BECAUSE
I WON'T BE
SEEING YOU
ANYMORE,
I HAVE
SOMETHING
TO SAY

LET'S HEAR
ONE LAST
COMPLAINT

NO
...

I WANT
TO
EXPRESS
GRATITUDE
FOR
ONE THING

GRATITUDE ...?

YES

I'M THANKFUL THAT YOU BROUGHT ME TO THIS WORLD

THAT YOU PRESENTED ME WITH THIS WAY OF LIFE

swallow

THERE ARE MANY THINGS, BUT ...

THANK YOU

VERY MUCH

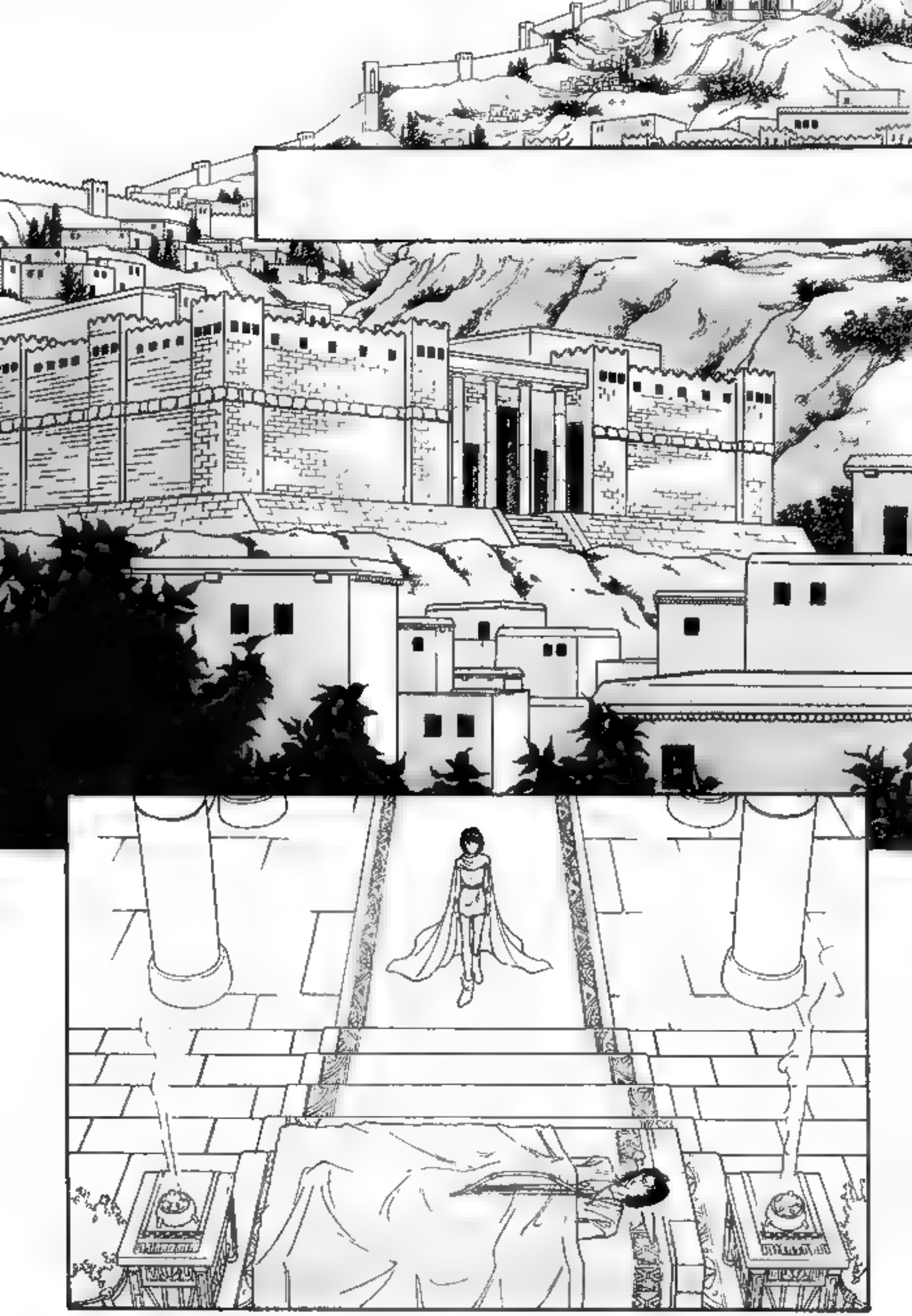
ハメハメ

MANY, MANY YEARS LATER ...

AFTER THE INNER CITADEL OF ANATOLIA WAS DES-TROYED

AGAIN MANY, MANY YEARS

HITTITE MADE KARUKEMISHU THEIR CAPITAL FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THEIR COUNTRY



TOMORROW ... I BECOME KAIL'S EMPRESS

RUSAFA?

I DON'T HAVE ANY FEELINGS ABOUT IT, BUT

I WILL MAKE AN EFFORT TO BE THE TAWANANNA YOU WISHED FOR

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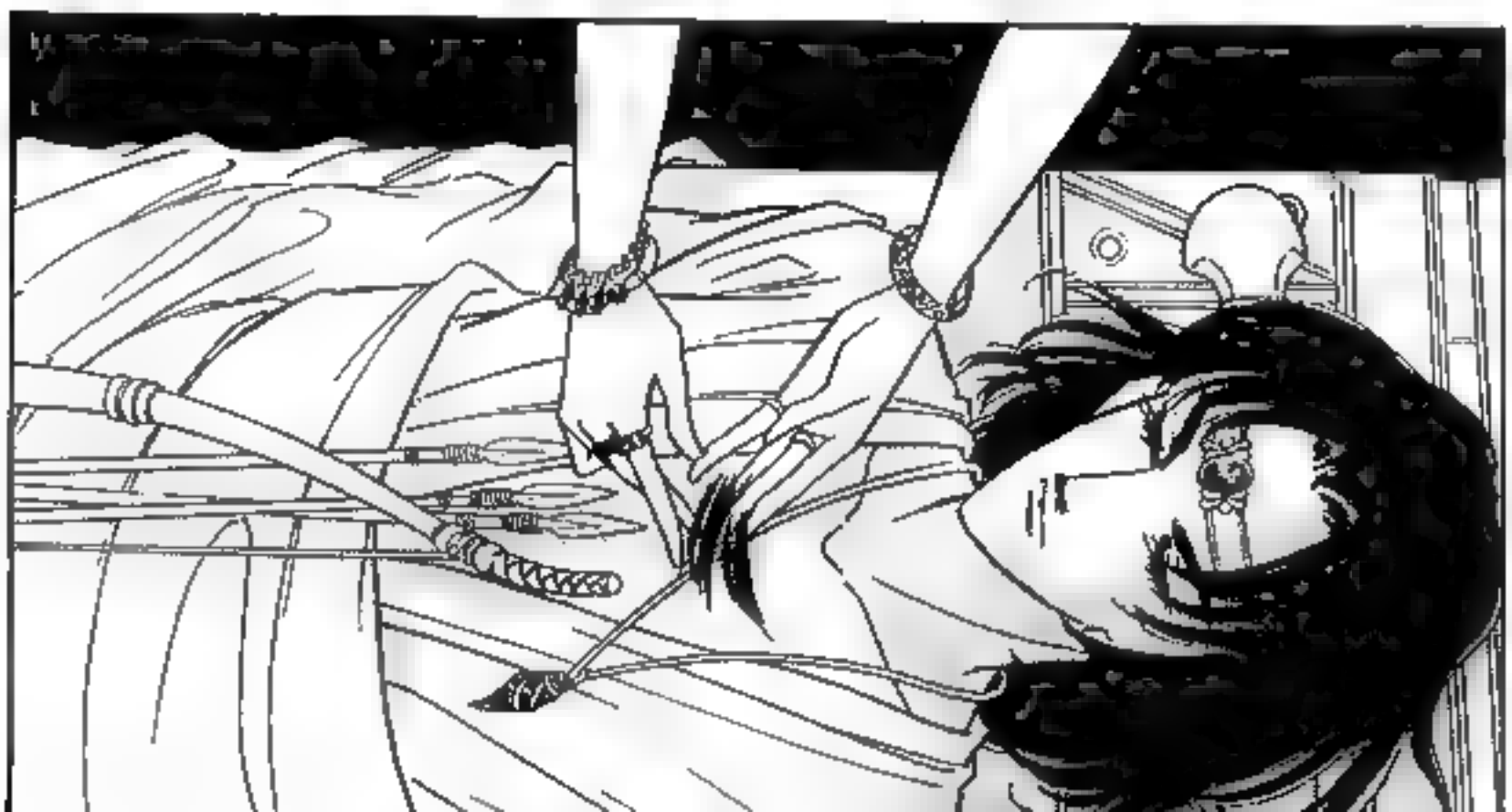

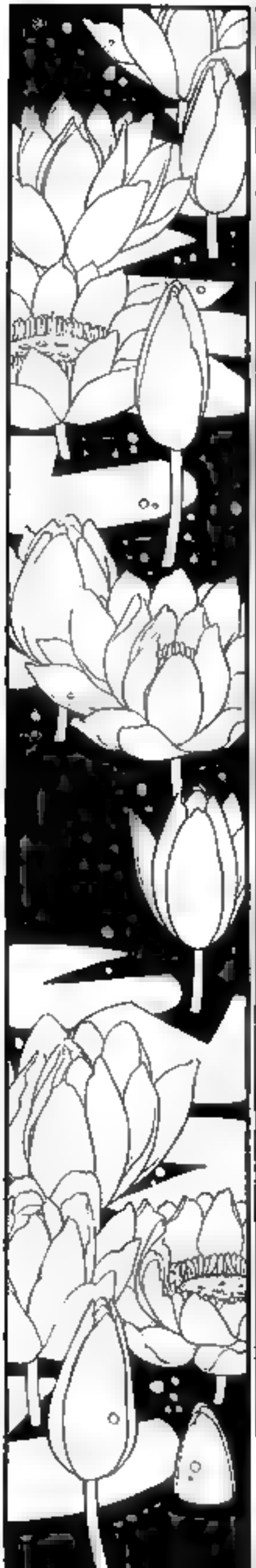

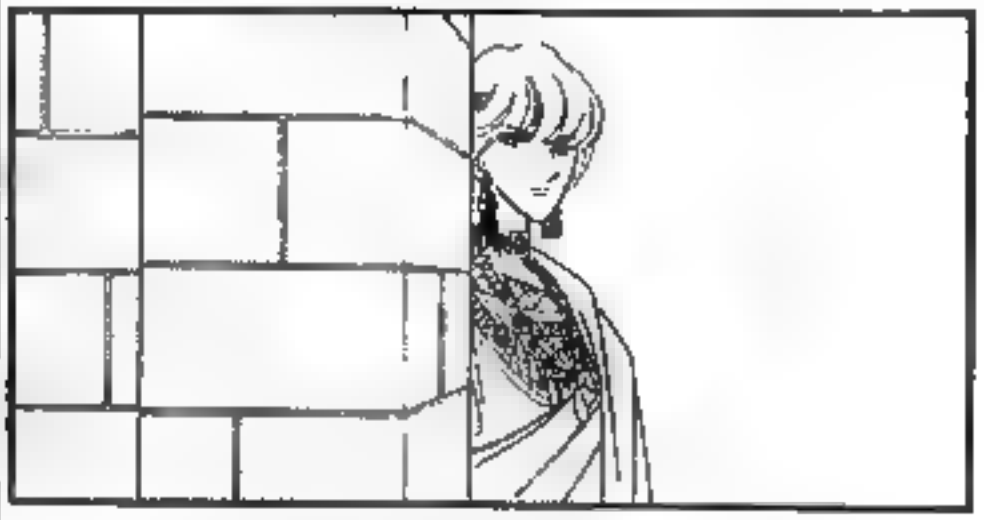

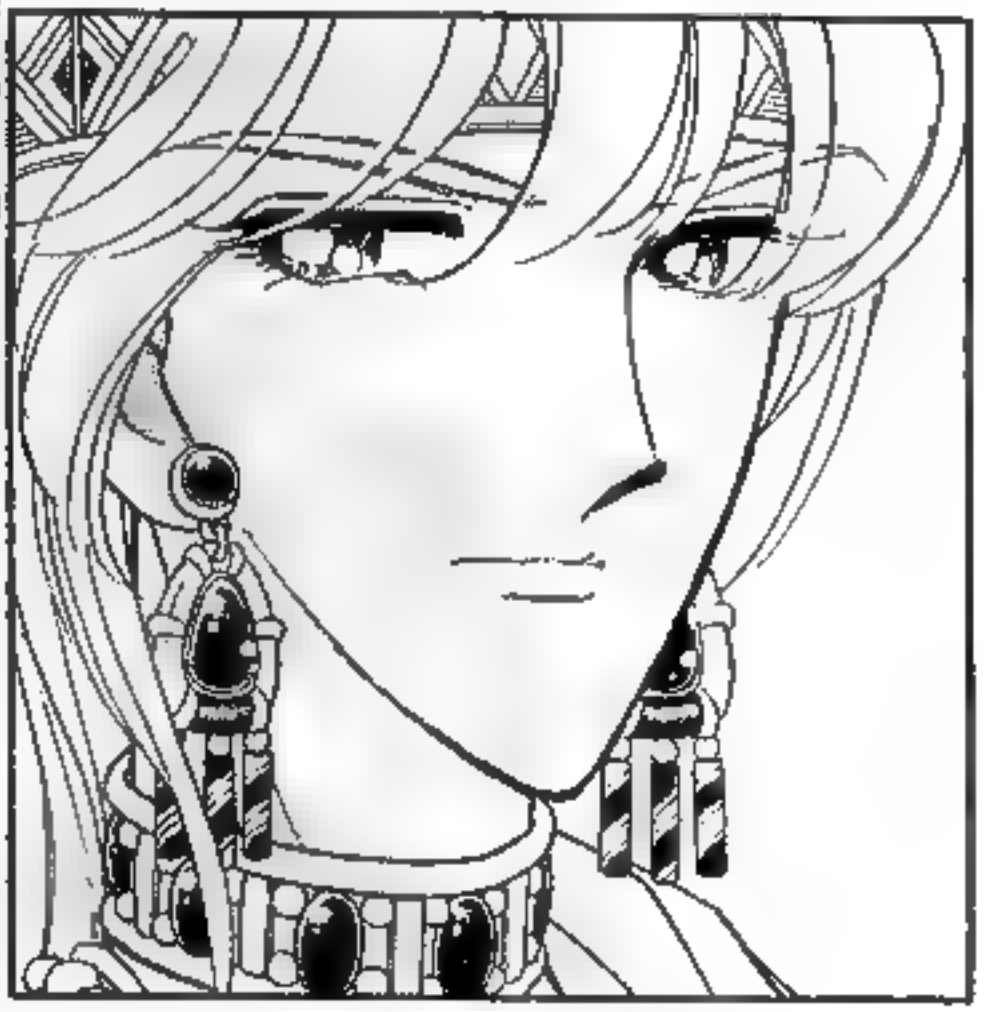

I'M GOING TO BECOME KAIL'S EMPRESS ...

I DON'T HAVE ANY TRUE FEELINGS ABOUT GETTING MARRIED, BUT

I'M GOING TO BECOME TAWANANNA ... EMPRESS OF THE ENTIRE NATION

I'M NOT IN THE POSITION TO GIVE PRIORITY TO ANY PERSONAL FEELINGS

YURI

KAIL?

WHAT IS IT ...?

YURI ...

WHAT?

ADVICE ABOUT TOMORROW WEDDING CEREMONY? I REMEMBER ...

I

I STILL HAVEN'T SAID SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TO YOU!

I WANT YOU TO

MARRY ME

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THE SKY IS NEAR THE RED RIVER 27 "END"

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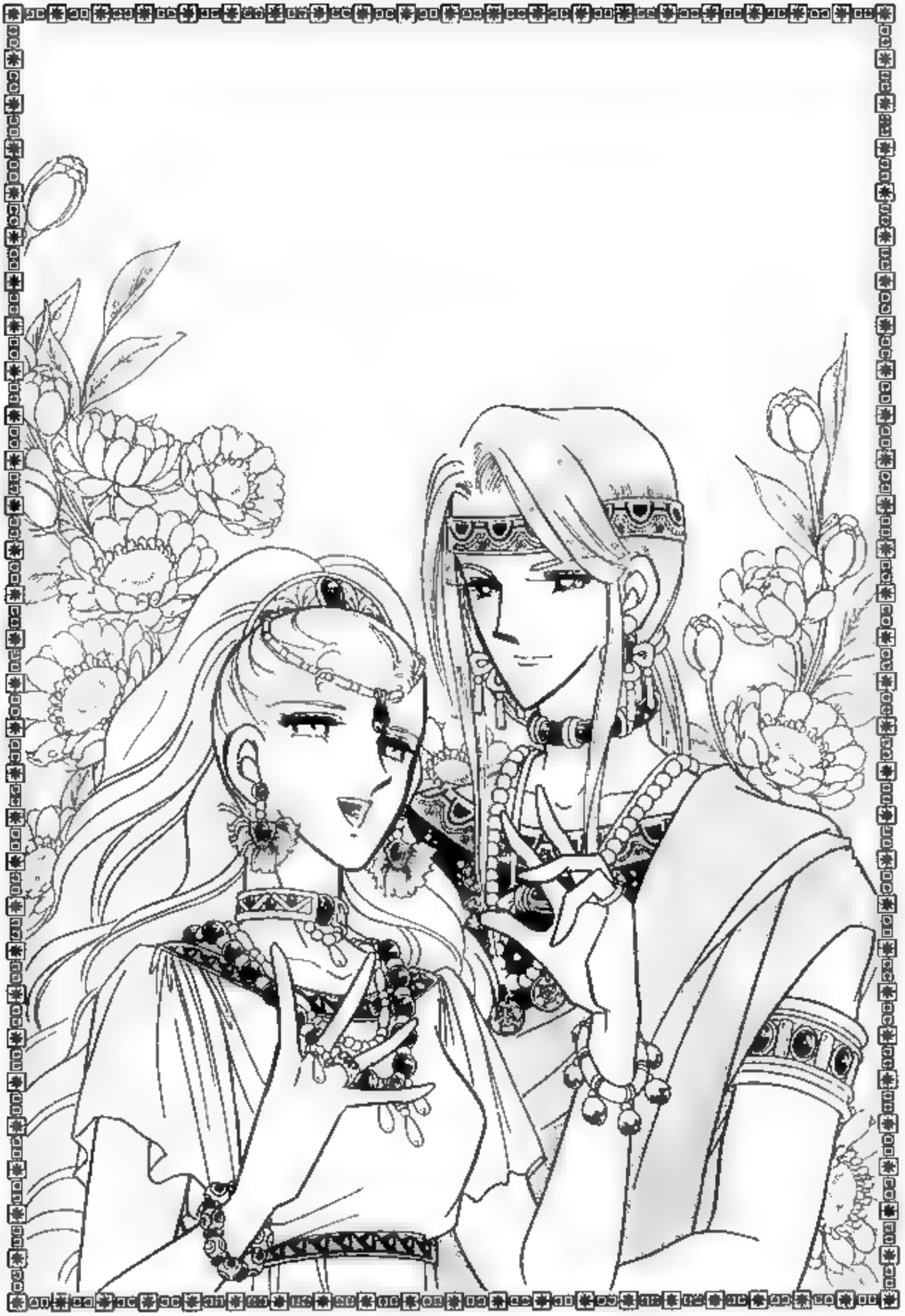

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